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Preparing for Wildfires



Take steps now to [prepare](#) for wildfires. More and more people make their homes in areas that are prone to wildfires. You can [take steps to be ready](#) for a wildfire and [prepare your home and landscaping](#) to reduce your risk from a wildfire.

Know your community's evacuation plans.

- Find several ways to leave your area.
- Drive the evacuation routes and find shelter locations.
- Have a plan for [pets](#) and [livestock](#).

Gather emergency [supplies](#), such as [respirators](#) [PDF-329 KB].

- A respirator filters out smoke or ash before you can breathe it in. *NIOSH has not approved respirators for children.*
- Remember the needs of [children](#); individuals with medical conditions like asthma, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), or heart disease; or who are pregnant.

Plan to keep wildfire smoke outside.

- Choose a [room](#) you can close off from outside air.
- Set up a portable air cleaner or a [filter](#) to keep the air in this room cleaner even when it's smoky outdoors or in the rest of your home.
- [Make a plan to keep wildfire smoke out of schools or commercial buildings](#).

KEEP TRACK OF FIRES NEAR YOU SO YOU CAN BE READY.

- AirNow's "[Fire and Smoke Map](#)" has a map of fires throughout North America.
- NOAA's "[Fire weather outlook](#)" page maps fire watches and warnings.



View a full-sized image of the Be Ready: Wildfires Infographic. Share it on social media or print it out to post in your office, school, or home.

- Listen to the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio for emergency alerts.

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